

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR MINOR REVISION
COAL AND URANIUM PROGRAM
MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

COMPANY NAME: Big Sky Coal Company

DATE: March 4, 2013

PERMIT#: C1983004CR

REVISION NO: MR55

LOCATION: Big Sky Mine Area A

Type and Purpose of Action:

A minor revision to the permit was proposed. The revision included a request to adjust the reclamation performance bond pursuant to ARM 17.24.1104. The adjustment was proposed as a result of previous bond release approvals that occurred as a result of reclamation and removal of mine facilities.

Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures:

The reclamation performance bond would be reduced by \$6,121,731.79. The action is purely administrative; therefore, no mitigation is required. A performance bond amount of \$1,788,530.72 will be retained by the Department until such time in the future that additional bond release is requested.

Alternative Actions:

No alternative actions were considered.

Prepared by: Peter Mahrt

Title: Mining Engineer

FC: 620.510A